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MARRIAGE.
On October 24th, at Shanghai, LAWRENCE
CHARLES HUGH EDMONDSON, to ISABELLA BIRD D.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VUEX ROAD,
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 29TH, 1907

THE Tientsin post office question is not
settled yet, although there has been an
announcement of some arrangement between
the Tientsin Chamber of Commerce and
the Hongkong Government. The question
whether the British Post Office at Tientsin
is to be continued is now, however, only
a part of a much larger question. Apparently
it has now to be decided whether all the
foreign post offices in the treaty ports are to
go or stay. The Yuchwanpu, or Ministry
of Posts and Communications, seems to be
going to work with considerable energy to
demonstrate that the Chinese Imperial Post
Office is capable and anxious to cope with
all the mail matter within the Empire.
From Tientsin comes a report that orders
have been issued to forbid Chinese railways
conveying any mails that have not been sent
through the Chinese Imperial Post Office,
with the exception of foreign naval and
military mails. This is a drastic step,
indeed, and will probably appear too
abrupt and unceremonious to obtain the
approval of the Powers. We have no

doubt that it will be strongly denounced as
a blow deliberately aimed at foreign prestige.
It has already been labelled by one con-
temporary as "an unfriendly act." This view
is, or was, not shared by the foreign official
of the Customs who prepared an excellent
review of the amazing progress of the postal
department, which review was copiously
quoted in our columns. Unable to lay
our hands on the document at the moment,
we distinctly remember that the view was
therein expressed that the foreign post
offices were no longer necessary, and might
now be abandoned as a useless anomaly.
That was a departmental view, inspired
doubtless by a natural pride in the suc-
cessful evolution of the C. I. P. O., and it would
not be difficult to find arguments in support
of it. The point at present is, however, to
what extent has the foreign control (which
has made it what it is) been submerged by
the chauvinistic chiefs of the Yuchwanpu?
We expressed considerable nervousness a
year ago at the detachment of the service
from the control of the Customs, especially
as there were plain signs then that the
Chinese considered they were already in a
position to dispense with foreign supervision
and advice in this connection. Are we to
take it that those fears were well grounded,
and that this extraordinary prohibition ad-
dressed to the railways is the cloven hoof?
As we said before, the Chinese ambition to
manage their own affairs is too natural to
condemn offhand; but if their "vaulting
ambition overleaps itself" to the extent of
plainly transgressing treaties and promises,
its manifestations will have to be closely
scrutinized and sternly repressed where
necessary. It cannot be denied that the
Chinese Imperial Post has reached a state of
efficiency, such as to make the foreign office's
prima facie unnecessary; and there would
be nothing more objectionable in having to
put a ten-cent stamp on a London letter
forwarded to Shanghai than there is in hav-
ing to put two-pence-halfpenny on a
Hongkong letter re-posted in London for
Paris. That however, is not the immediate
concern. What is feared is that, as we
suggested over three years ago, a policy of
let-alone now may permit as a sequel a
rapid reversion to the old system of corrup-
tion, sloth and procrastination, and, of
course, inefficiency. At present, as both
are conducted, the Chinese Post Office has
nothing to learn from (say) the Hongkong
Post Office, but would it not deteriorate if
given the free hand its Chinese head seems
to desire? According to our optimistic
or pessimistic vis-a-vis that outlook, we will
view the latest development, which, we have
no doubt, will already have engaged the
earnest attention of the China Association.

Yesterday H.M.S. "King Alfred" left for
Ming Bay, where active preparations are being
carried out for battle practice. Later the
"Alacrity" will join the fleet there, and prob-
ably the "Clio," which is expected here
shortly.

The plague totals at date are 234 cases, 226
deaths. During last week there were 70 cases
of cholera and 23 deaths therefrom. One was
a Chinese, the rest Chinese, and all were
imported from Singapore. An American is
reported ill of enteric fever.

An engagement has been arranged (and the
wedding fixed for the 17th October) between
Miss Gladys Emanuel, daughter of Mr. P. H.
Emanuel, London, formerly of Hongkong,
and Mr. John Grossman of Calcutta, who
is a relation to Mr. Albert Howard of
Hongkong.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library
and Museum for the week ending the 27th
October, 1907, shows that of non-Chinese
there were 355 to the Library and 131 to the
Museum; and of Chinese 153 to the former
and 376 to the latter. The Library was,
therefore, used by 524 persons and the Museum
by 2,506.

The Subsidiary Coinage Committee, com-
posed of Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Colonial
Treasurer, (Chairman), Hon. Mr. E. Osborne,
Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, Messrs. J. Armstrong,
D. B. Law, R. Shawan, A. J. Raymond,
J. R. M. Smith and A. G. Wood, has ceased
its deliberations after three meetings, and the
report will be furnished to H.E. the Governor
in due course.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board to be
held this afternoon, Hon. Mr. A. W. Brewin
Registrar-General, pursuant to notice will move
"That the Government be requested to make
rules under the Water Works Ordinance to
regulate the playing of water tanks in back
yards." Replies will also be read from the
Government relative to the calling for tenders
for cleansing and limewashing required by
by-law No. 5; relative to question 175 of the
Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1903,
in respect of numbers 191 to 231 Station
Street North, Mongkok; and in respect
of Nos. 351 to 353, Queen's Road West;
relative to section 189 of the same Ordinance
in respect of certain houses in Ko Shing
Street; and relative to a water tank in the
yard of No. 88, Connaught Road West.

Advice from Peking state that China is
inclined to settle amicably the Chientao
boundary dispute by dispatching a higher
official from Manchuria or Peking.

The Chinese Ministry of Posts and Com-
munications is now considering ways and means
to undertake the whole distribution of mails,
both local and foreign, throughout the Empire,
including taking over the work now being per-
formed by the post office branches of the dif-
ferent treaty Powers.

Some of our lady readers may be interested
to know that the milliners' windows at Aix-les-
Bains are full of hats. To speak more correctly
(says a writer in *Truth*), each window is full of
a hat. "I saw one the other day which tempted
me to ask the modiste to let me see how long it
would take to make it. I had not long to wait,
for that same night I went to see 'Faust' at
the Grand Cercle, and the hat came and sat
down in front of me. The music was well
rendered, but of the rest of the performance I
knew nothing. If that hat went to the Valley
of Chamouni, I doubt if any of the tourists
would be able to see the Mont Blanc."

The fascinating game of "dodging the
Customs" enjoys greater popularity in England
than ever, judging by the annual report, issued
by the Commissioners of His Majesty's
Customs. During the past financial year the
number of detected attempts to smuggle
dutiable goods was the largest recorded since
1894-5. Nine years ago, in 1899, there was
a total number of seizures of smuggled goods
of all kinds of 3,925. The penalties recovered
amounted to £3,631. The seizure comprised
6,115 pounds of tobacco and cigars. The total
number of seizures of smuggled goods of all
kinds last year was 5,497, the penalties
recovered amounting to £4,389, while the
seizures comprised 11,222 pounds of tobacco and
cigars.

At Shimokubo, a small village in Soha, Japan,
consisting of only seventy houses, several cases
of robbery have lately occurred. The great
alarm of the villagers. A diligent search
instituted by them for the offender proved an
utter failure. The community, according to
the writer of the "Ochi Koshi" column in the
"Japan Times," consequently held a mass meet-
ing and unanimously agreed upon cursing the
robber to death. "A virtuous priest of the
locality was accordingly applied to for the
purpose. He, however, declined to curse the
robber to death, as not too cruel for a holy man
like him to resort to, but promised that he would
paralyze the robber by his powerful prayers, so
as to disable him and lead him to repentance.
Thus the priest commences his incantations.
But, behold, the robber continued his subtle
operations to the indignation of the entire com-
munity. The priest has been condemned as a
worthless fellow, and the villagers have taken
upon themselves the task of repairing every day
to the village temple by twos and threes to offer
horrible prayers by which the robber is doomed
to an early and fearful death."

The Peking Correspondent of the N.-C. Daily
News says that at the last moment, H.E. Viceroy
Yang Shih-hsiang has received a telegram from
the Luohu (Ministry of War) concerning the
proposed army manoeuvres of the 2nd and
4th divisions of Luohu in Peiyang, pleading
lack of funds; for the Peking Government can
only allow the paltry sum of Tls. 30,000 for the
entire expenditure. The sum offered would
only cover about one-tenth of the cost, but the
reason given by the military office at Tientsin
for countermanding the manoeuvres is the great
flood at Kaiping which would prevent operations
being carried out this year. According to the
telegram from the Ministry of War, extended
army manoeuvres of the Luohu in Peiyang and
Nanyang will be held in October 1908. Similar
to the Luohu at Nanking, the regiments of the
2nd and 4th Divisions will practice in the
vicinity of their barracks and Tls. 100 have
been allowed by Viceroy Yang for each regiment
for the purpose. It is untrue that the Chinese
authorities do not wish the foreign military
officers to witness the manoeuvres.

CHINA PROVIDENTS.

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of
the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co.,
Ltd. held on Saturday the 26th instant at
11 a.m. the following resolution was passed:—

"That the General Managers be, and they
hereby are, authorized to dispose of the 100,000
shares of and in the capital of the Company
now remaining undisposed of or any part thereof
in payment or part payment for assets to be
hereafter acquired by the Company through the
General Managers at such times and on such
terms and conditions as the General Managers
may, with the consent of the Consulting Com-
mittee, deem expedient to the intent that the said shares or such
portion thereof as shall be disposed of shall be
held by the Vendors of the assets so to be
acquired by the Company as aforesaid in
satisfaction or part satisfaction for such assets,
and to the further intent that under no
circumstances shall the present shareholders of
the Company or their Transferees be or become
in any way liable to make any contribution to the
Company in respect of the said 100,000 shares
unless with the consent of the shareholders of
the Company in General Meeting hereafter held
and obtained."

The foregoing information is all we have been
able to get from the agents, Messrs. Shawan
Tomes and Co. It is known, however, that
the meeting, held in camera, was a result of
considerable controversy. Enquiries in other
well-informed sources elicit merely the assurance
that "the trouble is over; the affair settled."

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

MACAO-CANTON RAILWAY.

SANCTIONED BY PORTUGAL.

LONDON, October 28th.

Portugal authorises the construction
of a railway from Macao to Canton.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE COMMERCIAL CRISIS IN THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, October 26th.

New York reports that runs on the Banks
and Trust Companies continue. There are
six more suspensions, with small capitals
but with the aggregate deposits of
\$34,000,000.

The entire Cabinet, with the exception of
Mr. Cortelyou has met at Washington to
consider the situation. Mr. Cortelyou to-
day deposited \$8,000,000 with the New
York Banks. The large Savings Banks are
enforcing 36 days notice of withdrawals,
fearing a panic.

[N.-C. Daily News Service.]

THE IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS.

SIGNIFICANT ACTION OF THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, October 23rd.

The China Association has addressed a letter
to the Foreign Office, dated September 27th, in
which it lays emphasis upon the apparent in-
tention of the Chinese to extend the substituti-
on of Chinese for foreign employees in the
Imperial Maritime Customs. Such a desire on
the part of the Chinese, it states, is natural and
might command sympathy, if the possibility of
effecting the change without risk to the
efficiency of the Service could be admitted. In
the recent transformation of the higher offices in
Peking there has been no sign of any improve-
ment in financial methods permeating Chinese
officialdom.

The Association proceeds to express ap-
prehension concerning the report of the ap-
pointment of Sir Robert Bredon in the place of Sir
Robert Hart. It emphasizes the supreme im-
portance to the welfare of the Service that its
Chief should possess the confidence and esteem
of the Chinese Government, of the Foreign
Legations and of the members of the Service.
It urges the danger, that a Chief lacking full
measure of support would be obliged to yield to
encroachments where the general welfare is
concerned.

The Association urges, therefore, that there
should be no delay in preventing the appoint-
ment, either temporarily or otherwise, of one
who is not assured of the support of the British
communities in China, or of that of the staff
of the Imperial Maritime Customs.

For many years the withdrawal of Sir Robert
Hart from the chief control of the Imperial
Maritime Customs has played the same role
for newspapers in the Far East that
"trouble in the Spring" in Macedonia has
served by tradition in the European Press.
Both events are likely to come true in
long run, but, as it is the duty of
those who seek to guide public opinion to
prepare for all eventualities, they have no reason
to be dissatisfied that circumstances, often by
reason of their actual warnings, combine to
stimulate their predictions from year to year. In
the case of Sir Robert Hart, unfortunately, the
repeated announcement of his impending
resignation of the Inspector-General seems
only too near realization. As is known, the
veteran Chief handed over the control of the
Customs to his Deputy Inspector-General on
leaving Peking for his summer holiday, and
since his return the state of his health has not
allowed him to resume formal command. It is
hoped that Sir Robert Hart's departure for
England may be postponed until next Spring;
but it is clear that no time should be lost in
settling definitively the question of the suc-
cession to the Inspector-General. At this stage
it would be superfluous to speak of Sir Robert
Hart's life-work; the father of the Imperial
Maritime Customs, he has lived to see the
service placed high in the rank of government
institutions and to know that for all its virtues
it may claim full credit. But as in the
private affairs of individuals the moment
arrives when it is better to entrust the
management to a younger generation, so now
it can be urged that the enormous ramifications
of the Chinese Customs require a firmer grasp
of the helm than the world has any right to
expect to-day from Sir Robert Hart.

In the careers of all public men whose names
are associated with prolonged service in one
particular branch of State work there is always
the danger that the temptation, from one cause
or another, to retain the reins of power too
long in their own hands may, owing to a
few mistakes, be the cause of the ruin of the
service as a whole. It is possible to find in
the frequent references to the proximity
of Sir Robert Hart's resignation an indica-
tion that he himself is aware of this danger.
He has realized this failing in the lives of other
prominent men and has been anxious to avoid
a similar fate. If such be the case, Sir Robert
Hart deserves universal sympathy, for it is now
a matter of common knowledge that the question
of a successor has long been exercising his
own mind, as he is nominally responsi-
ble for his selection and the minds of
all who are interested in the welfare of the
Customs Service. Uncertainty on this point
has probably been the main factor in per-
suading Sir Robert Hart to retain the
Inspector-General beyond the period when he
could really do justice to the service or to
himself. In its earlier stages when the
proportions of the Maritime Customs were small
enough to ensure the personal predictions of
the head being a fairly satisfactory guide to
merit among his subordinates, promotion
by favouritism may have presented no very
serious danger. To-day, the "reluctance
of such procedure is worse than any
anomaly, and the constant character in the service
that seem to owe their origin to a love of personal
caprice are subversive of all discipline and good
work. There is little doubt that the Maritime
Customs has entered upon a critical stage in its

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, 28th October.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (ACTING
CHIEF JUSTICE).

ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER.

Mamet Ullah, Barker Khan and Peer Bux
were arraigned on the charge of manslaughter.
Prisoners pleaded not guilty, and the following
jury was empanelled:—C. W. Longuet, T.
Grimshaw, A. G. Coppin, C. E. Libaud, A. M.
McDougall, J. Blake and R. Innes.

The Attorney-General, instructed by Mr.
G. E. Morrell, from the Crown Solicitor's
Office, prosecuted, Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C.,
who was instructed by Mr. R. D. Atkinson
of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, being
retained for the defence.

The case for the prosecution having been
closed on Friday,

Peer Bux the third defendant, went into the
box and gave his version of the occurrence. On
the day in question he saw a crowd of Chinese
fighting with his two servants. He called to
them to return and when they entered the house
the Chinese threw stones breaking several
windows. This attack was maintained for about
three quarters of an hour, by which time two
Indian police returning from duty appeared on
the scene. Some time later the police came and
arrested his two servants. Next day he went to
the Police Court to see what was being done to
his men, and he himself was arrested. His ankles
were swollen. Witness took off his socks to
show the jury his ankles.

Cross-examined—There had not been any
unpleasantness between himself and the Chinese
over the well. He had however told the Chinese
they were not to dip a dirty vessel into the
water. He did not notice the deceased man
among the crowd of Chinese, neither did he make
any remark about the Chinese defiling the water.
He denied having taken the vessel from the
Chinese and declared that the allegations
against him were made up.

The first prisoner who was sworn in Afghan,
said that he was employed by Peer Bux. The
dispute arose because a Chinaman tried to put a
dirty tub into the well. The second defendant
told the Chinaman not to use his dirty bucket,
but to use the tin which was suspended near the
well. The Chinaman instead made an abusive
remark and struck the defendant with his bamboo.
The latter wrested the bamboo from the Chinaman
and struck him. Then the Chinaman ran away
but returned accompanied by a crowd who set
upon them.

The second defendant deposed that the
deceased first struck him. He retaliated,
striking his assailant on the back with a
bamboo, and when the crowd came and attacked
them witness fought with them. He struck
several men and was hit himself several times.

Cross-examined—The man had to be carried
away as a result of the blow witness gave him.
Witness took the blame for all that happened
that day.

An Indian constable testified to seeing a
crowd outside Peer Bux's house on the day in
question.

Counsel having addressed the jury, the latter
retired and after a short absence returned with
a verdict of guilty against the first two and not
guilty against the third, who was discharged.
The others were each sentenced to twelve
months' imprisonment.

BAIL ESTREATED.

Yang Chik Saag who was charged with falsi-
fying trade marks applied to the court, failed
to surrender to his bail, and Sir Henry Ber-
keley, who appeared to prosecute, said that his
Lordship had already estreated the bail of this
man. Sir Henry suggested that the case
be remanded till next session, and should
the prisoner be apprehended, he would have to
await his trial in prison.

His Lordship said the case would stand ad-
journed until next sessions.

Sir Henry applied for the costs of the pro-
secution, and his Lordship said he would grant
that. But he would not agree to counsel's
request that the estreated bail be applied to
the payment of costs and ordered the tea to be
dramined. He advised counsel to make applica-
tion to the Treasury for the costs of the
prosecution.

ADSETTS.

We understand that the confession which
Adsett has made respecting the crime for which
he lies under sentence of death is at present
before the Governor and will be placed under
the consideration of the Executive Council
before a decision is arrived at. At any rate the
statement will not be published for some little
time.

MOTOR FIRE ENGINES FOR INDIA AND THE EAST.

Bombay and Lucknow are the first Indian
towns to possess motor fire apparatus. Luck-
now has recently placed in commission a motor
steam fire engine of a pumping capacity of 400
gallons per minute, and Superintendent
Nicholls, of the Bombay fire brigade, has just
received delivery of a petrol motor tender and
combined fire escape, with ladders to extend
to a height of 50 feet.

Both these appliances have been constructed
by Messrs. Merry Weather & Sons, of London
and it may also interest our readers to know
that the same firm have just supplied one of
their 400-gallon motor steam fire engines to the
Singapore Fire Department. This last engine
is the second of its kind in service at Singapore,
the first one having been supplied early last
year since when it has proved in every way its
superiority over horse drawn engines. When
Hongkong can afford it—

POLICE COURT.

Monday, 28th October.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (First Police Magistrate).

LARCENY.
A native who climbed over the wall of a godown in Connaught Road West was caught by a constable when departing with 30 catfish of sugar in his possession. He was charged before his Worship with the larceny of the same, found guilty, and sentenced to three weeks imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

DRIBBET.
A young hawker and his wife selling their wares in Centre Street on Sunday were stopped by a lunko, who wished to examine their licences. Finding that the conditions of the woman's licence did not permit her to sell in that street he ordered her out of it. The husband gave him fifty cents to drink tea, and told him not to interfere with his wife. The lunko took the money and the man to the police station, and the latter appeared before his Worship on the charge of bribery. He admitted handing over the money to square the matter, and was ordered to pay a fine of \$15, the alternative being one month imprisonment.

A DAY'S LEAVE.
On Sunday Indian Police Constable 733, who is stationed at Yau-mai, got a day's leave and went to Hung-hung where he met a friend, an ex-constable. It would appear that the pair had not met for some time, for they continued for a long time drinking each other's health. Then they went for a stroll round the town and eventually entered the shop of a Chinese tailor. Here they quarrelled with the shop assistants, and, seizing a broom, the constable proceeded to demolish show cases, overturn machines and beat the folk. The second constable witnessed his friend indulging in this exercise, and when the latter had finished they went out into the street. A crowd of Chinese was there to meet them, and then the Indians were attacked, and were getting a rough handling when the police arrived and arrested them. The first defendant was fined \$10 and ordered to pay \$4 compensation, and the latter was fined \$5.

BEFORE MR. C. D. MELBOURNE (Second Police Magistrate).

HAVING EXPLOSIVES WITHOUT A PERMIT.
A native who had a box of detonators and a quantity of dynamite in his possession without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police was ordered by his Worship to pay a fine of \$100.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Monday, October 28th.

BEFORE COMMANDER DAVID B. H. TAYLOR, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

THE "SHUN LEE" COLLISION.
An inquiry was held before his Worship into the circumstances connected with the collision between the steam launch "Shun Lee" and the steam launch "Marlow," which occurred in the harbour on the 18th instant.

Tam Ping, coxswain of the "Marlow," said that on the morning of the 18th instant, he was towing a lighter from Talkoktui to Shatin. Off Kowloon Point he saw the "Shun Lee" on his port bow, coming from the direction of Yau-mai. She was about six lengths away when she was seen, and witness ported his helm in order to keep out of her way. It was the "Shun Lee's" business to keep out of his way, but she came on and tried to cross his bows. He ran into her starboard side, amidships, as he could not reverse or ease his engine because of his tow. The "Shun Lee" ported just before the collision but did not attempt to reverse her engine, which were still going ahead, at the time of the collision.

The master of the "Shun Lee" said that at the time of the collision he was coming from Yau-mai to Hongkong. Soon after shoving off from the wharf, and turning on his course, he saw the "Marlow" about 600 yards off, nearly right ahead. He overtook her, both launches going in the same direction. When his stern was level with her bows, being on her port side, she starboarded and ran into him.

His Worship found the master of the "Shun Lee" to blame and cancelled his certificate for one month.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. str. *Tanba Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 27th inst., and is expected here to-morrow a.m.

The E. & A. str. *Eastern* from Sydney, etc., arrived at Manila yesterday and leaves to-day for this port.

The P. & O. str. *Devanah* left Singapore for this port on the 28th inst. at 8.30 a.m. with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 31st instant at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. str. *Palermo* left Singapore for this port on the 26th inst. a.m.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kagoshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 27th inst., and is expected here on the 28th inst.

The I.G.M. str. *Roon* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Sunday the 27th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 5th prox.

The I.G.M. str. *Princess Alice* carrying the German mails with her from Berlin of the 8th inst. left Colombo on Saturday the 26th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday the 6th prox. a.m.

The P.M. str. *Siberia* sailed from Yokohama yesterday, and is due to arrive at this port on the 6th prox.

The I.G.M. str. *Atlet* which left here on Wednesday the 23rd inst. at noon, arrived at Singapore on Sunday the 27th inst. at 2 p.m.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on Monday the 28th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Kobe where she is due to arrive at 4 p.m. to-day.

HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

London, September 27th.

Mr. John Murray informs me that the book "A Soldier of the Legion" by the former Hongkong journalist, Mr. George Manington, will be published in three weeks' time. It is illustrated by M. Cozard, a French artist of far Eastern experience, and maps lent by the French Government. Just now the work should have a topical interest for the French Foreign Legion is doing most of the work in Morocco and the description of the famous body of troops given by Mr. Manington should correct many misconceptions as to the members of it.

There was a big attendance at the Church of St. John's, Portsmouth, South Wales on Wednesday when a Straits wedding took place, Mr. Douglas Graham Campbell, British Resident at Negri Sembilan, marrying Miss Mary Alinda Georgina Spooner, only daughter of Mr. Charles Edwin Spooner, C.M.G., general manager of railways in the Malay Peninsula and Mrs. Spooner of Educaucragh and Bonatesca, county Fermanagh. The Rev. J. E. Williams officiated and the bride was given away by Mr. R. Casson in the absence of her father. Mr. Stewart McArthur, British Resident at Brunei, acted as best man. There were three bridesmaids, the Misses Stewart, Halloran, and Chance. The bride wore a white satin Empire coat over a skirt of chiffon and tulle draped with Carrickmacross lace, while her ornaments included a diamond bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom, a diamond necklace, a present from her father and mother, a diamond half hoop ring from her brother, and a pair of diamond ear rings, the gift of Mrs. Pothes and Miss Spooner.

The Imperial Chinese edict appointing Wu Ting-fang to be again Chinese Minister in Washington, has aroused great interest both here and in America. It is a well-established fact in the minds of Americans that Wu recognizes the salient points of the American character better than any Chinese official who has ever resided in the United States. A prominent American with whom I was talking the other day assures me that the return of this favourite will be signalled by effusive hospitality in Washington, for Wu has a choice wit, with his bite nicely softened by tactful phrasology and is an, after dinner speaker, he long ago captured Americans, for they love to see the characteristics of individuals made the subject of gentle satire in postprandial oratory. There was a time when Wu was regarded with less favour, for it was currently reported after his return to China that he was at the back of the Chinese boycott of American goods. To-day that is not so, a question and American papers with great headlines are declaring "Come back Wu, and all will be forgiven."

Even if that old report was true it merely shows that the ex-Minister knew just where America could be hit most effectively—in the pocket.

Much space is being given just now in the European press to the subject of the reorganization of the Chinese Army. The "Pall Mall Gazette" and other papers have had articles pointing out the efforts that are being made to bring the Chinese army to a state of well organized efficiency. The achievements of the Japanese in the past forty years are recited as a proof that if the programme set out for the Chinese reorganization is pursued undeviatingly the future results of the new policy will have an immense influence not only in Asia but in all these great world questions which are gathering round the supreme problem of Yellow competition with the White man. Other articles here and in France are headed with such lines as "Another yellow army" and show also the power which the Celestial Empire may become if her great resources in human material can be backed by financial support and guided by strong hands. In another matter than organization China is copying Japan. Three Chinese have just joined the 4th Hussars in the French Army as troopers. Their names are Lee Tsing, Taiy Tsai, and Taiy Kone Yui, and they intend to start from the ranks and work their way upward, thereby learning thoroughly the work of a European army.

Chinese missions have also been the subject this week of much controversy. Lord William Cecil has contributed a series of exhaustive letters to the "Times" showing the magnitude of the task before the missionaries. Out of the letters quite a healthy correspondence column has developed, the conclusions of Lord William not being unanimously accepted, though over the critics of his remarks admit that his treatment of such subject as ancestor worship is more tactful than that of many missionaries.

"At the conclusion of a second letter Lord William wrote: 'The message, I think, the West should give to China, both by the mouth of missionaries and of statesmen, is that Western knowledge without Western ethics will only show the heel of tyranny with iron, and that those ethics are, as a matter of history, intimately connected and founded on the teaching of Christianity.'

To this conclusion Mr. J. Carey Hall, the well known Consul General of Yokohama, takes strong exception, especially to the reference to statesmen. He contends that it is no part of the duties of a modern Government to propagate its own type of religion within the dominions of another civilized and independent state. To the missionary protection clause in the British Commercial Treaty with China of 1858 he attributes all the bloody and devastating disturbances in China. "Bitter hostility has been engendered between Christian converts and their fellow citizens in consequence of the foreign protection which the former enjoy through the semi-political status of their missionary pastors. And in the face of this deplorable record of failure, friction, and

disturbance, statesmen are gravely asked to repeat the blunder of delivering a propagandist message again." In contrast with the Chinese troubles Mr. Carey Hall points to the missionary work in Japan unaccompanied by bloodshed or friction, and asserts that the difference in favour of the situation in Japan is due to the fact that there was no missionary clause in the treaty with Japan. Even on the message to be delivered Mr. Hall has his doubts. Western ethics, he contends, are founded on the experience of mankind during the long ages that elapsed before Christianity or its progenitor, Judaism, came into existence. "Christianity like Judaism, adopted them from its predecessors and clothed them in a vestment of theological doctrine which is now dropping away in rags. Moreover, Chinese scholars are by no means ignorant of the Christian system of ethics. They have studied it and compared it with their own, and have decisively rejected it as inferior. . . . As a moral type and teacher they consider Confucius superior to Christ." Finally Mr. Hall declares that the less statesmen help missionaries in China the better for both.

To this Mr. Ernest Box sends as refutation quotations from the speeches of Chinese and Japanese notables as to the good done by missionaries of the Christian religion. Mr. Hall retorts that these quotations merely show the brazen-mindedness of the notables but do not disprove his earlier contentions. He complies Lord William Cecil for his sensible treatment of the out of ancestors, on which matter the condemnation of tactless missionaries has caused much trouble. These interested in the missionary movement are waiting for the next volley in this epistolary exchange.

The Anglo-Russian Agreement in regard to Persia and the Middle East is received in Europe generally with expressions that leave a balance on the side of approval. Count von Buelow has announced his approval on behalf of Germany, and all round it looks as though the completion of the negotiations had resulted in a mighty advance towards peace. It is likely that questions affecting the Near East, next time they come up for discussion, will be more freely discussed by the Powers, for this Agreement has destroyed a good deal of cause for international distrust. The division of the Persian territory into spheres of commercial interest and the guaranteeing of the integrity of Persia is regarded as both fair and advisable, and the Foreign Office are less troubled now about friction arising in that part of the earth. The only criticism comes from an extreme Radical section, not too well advised, represented by the "Daily News" which can see no good in any agreement with Russia while there is oppression in Russia. What this agreement has to do with the internal conditions of Russia it takes the "Daily News" to discover, but it does not pass on the knowledge to the world at large.

Diablo, the game with the two headed top swung on a string, has at last burst upon Great Britain and America. Indeed the frivolous part of this country appears to be equally divided between Limerick competitions and Diablo, and you may see the game being played in the public parks any day. It is odd how the rush has come, considering that the French have tried to introduce it here and again without success. I believe it was introduced into France at the beginning of the last century, by a missionary who had discovered it in China. It took hold of France at once, but failed to spread over the water wall now.

In addition to Diablo, the sporting interest this week is centred on the new oval billiard table on which John Roberts, Weiss and the other professionals are practising. At the National Sporting Club where John Roberts gave a fine exhibition of the game as played on the oval table the veteran player had a fine reception, and despite his years he showed his usual skill and indifference to the difficulties that cropped up. This new form of table, by the way, does away with the "calle canon," which was running up such perpetual scores that it became boring to follow the game.

I hear from Lancashire that the cotton men are much pleased with the activity of their trade with China. During the week extensive orders have been placed for Shanghai, and the prospects for more contracts are regarded as promising. The China market has been for some time overstocked, but the accumulations having been cleared off, Lancashire is looking for substantial benefits. I am informed too, that of late the Lancashire manufacturers have paid stricter attention to the Far Eastern market, and have adapted the make of their cloths more and more to the Chinese requirements.

There has been much amusement in the stock market among the old hands over the strenuous manner in which the manipulators of the shares of the Pahuang Consolidated, which is a reconstruction of the Pahuang Corporation and the Pahuang-Kabang, have been seeking to interest the public in the concern. The news from the mine is good but by no means remarkable, and many experts consider the price of the shares now standing at 44½ as absurd. To explain the demand the operators declared that it was due "to buying from Hongkong." And the old hands, seeing no proofs of it, have winked and smiled again.

Mr. E. P. Guercia, Governor of British North Borneo, left this week via Canada to resume his duties at Sandakan after a holiday at home. In an interview on leaving he spoke in glowing terms of the prospects of the dependency in rubber, tobacco and minerals. The tobacco crop, he said, would this year be a record, rubber was steadily extending its area of operations with most favourable prospects, and the mineral resources of the country were so promising that railway extensions were to be immediately proceeded with. On the coal resources especially the highest hopes were based and an export was about to make extensive borings on the west coast with the object of locating the richest

deposits. When this branch of the country's resources was fully developed it would revolutionize the coaling of vessels in the Far East.

The Union Jack Club for sailors and soldiers passing through London having proved such a great success, the organizer Major Haggard, has undertaken to organize a "Veterans' Club" for the use of ex-members of both services. He tells me that much influential support is already promised, and the success of the enterprise does not seem to be in any doubt.

An amusing item has just been brought to light in the public accounts for the expenses of the House of Commons. £200 is set down for "lamp oil," though there is electricity everywhere. Inquiry elicited the information that centuries ago it became the custom to supply snuff gratuitously to members of the Houses. The snuff box is kept at the entrance to the Chamber and members are free to help themselves. Some years ago objection was raised to the item being set down in its true terms so it was determined to continue the supply of snuff but to allow the charge to be shown as lamp oil.

The shipping world appears to be in a turmoil of schemes and competition. The Casagrande and White Star companies have reduced their rates to meet the German competition, till it is now possible to travel to New York, alone, even on the new Lusitania for £14.1.1, while on the other first-class boats it can be done for £10-10. The Germans announce their intention of having a boat built at Belfast on the turbine principle that will eclipse even the Lusitania in speed and size, and the Canadian Pacific Railway project a service which takes one from England to Japan in nineteen and a half days, and a proportionately short passage to Hongkong and other parts of the Far East. It is in connection with the renewal of the contract of mails to the Far East that the improvement is projected, for the directors believe that an improved service will be made a condition of its continuance.

SANCTITY OF SHANGHAI.

The sort of thing that Governor Swettenham objected to at Jamaica is objected to at Shanghai, as is evident in the following extract from the Municipal Council's minutes:—

It is decided to accede to the Taoist's request for the return of the arms of nine native soldiers who were arrested within the Settlement on September 30. Directions are given that further cases of this description be met, in accordance with the practice hitherto obtaining; by the arrest and detention of offenders and their arraignment before the Mixed Court at the first opportunity.

October 8, 1907.

Sir,—Herewith I have the honour to forward translation of a communication from the Taoist in connection with a recent infraction to the regulations ruling the passing of Chinese troops under arms through the Settlement.

Those who have, likely through ignorance, committed this infraction seem to have already been punished enough with seizure of their arms, and we would suggest that the Taoist's request be now courteously acceded to.—I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

D. SIFFERT,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of the letter from the Taoist to the Senior Consul, dated October 14, 1907.

I have to inform you that the family of the newly-appointed Governor of Kiangsu passed through Shanghai on the 24th with eight soldiers, and eight rifles, and since they were unacquainted with the rules governing the Settlement of Shanghai, allowed to inform me of their arrival, so that I might let you know, and that you might give the necessary directions. This resulted in detention of the rifles by the Police, on their passage through the Settlement. I have thus to request that in consideration of the fact that they were unacquainted with the standing rules, you will direct the Municipal Council to return the rifles, and hope that you will favour me with a reply.

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 17th, 1907.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 8th on the subject of the recent arrest of certain Chinese soldiers within the Settlement, and the detention of their arms at the Central Police Station.

In reply thereto I have the honour to state that the Council has considered, under the circumstances, to comply with the request of the Taoist for the restitution of the rifles in question, and has issued instructions accordingly.

At the same time, and in view of the repeated infringement of the rule governing armed Chinese within Settlement limits, I have the honour to suggest that a communication may be addressed to the Provincial Authorities in this matter, asking that careful and stringent instructions may be issued throughout the province as to the status of the Foreign Settlement in this respect.—I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.D. SIFFERT Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 27th at 4.45 p.m.—Orders issued to hoist the Red Cone point downwards. (Indicates a typhoon South of Colony beyond 300 miles).

On the 28th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably over Tongking and N. Annam, and a slight fall has taken place also on the China coast.

The typhoon appears to be situated between the Paracels and Hainan, and to be moving towards the Southern entrance to the Gulf of Tongking.

Pressure is high over China to the N. of the Upper Yangtze, and over S.E. Japan. It is low over the Philippines.

Fresh N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and rough weather over the N.W. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.76 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood (°) N.E. winds, fresh.

Formosa Channel (°) Same as No. 2.

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The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen—The report and accounts for the past year have been in your hands for the past day or two and I presume you will take them as read. I have very little to say as regards the accounts and I hope you will think they are satisfactory.

I have now the pleasure to move the report and accounts as presented by the directors and passed. The declaration of a final dividend of 7½ per cent, making in all 15 per cent for the year, a contributory bonus of 15 per cent and transfer of the balance to Underwriting Reserve, thus closing the accounts for 1906 and further your consent to the directors' proposal to transfer £15,000 from the Underwriting Reserve Account to the permanent Sterling Reserve thereby bringing this fund up to £125,000 which still leaves us with ample funds to meet all known outstanding risks—a state of affairs which, taking into consideration the exceptionally heavy loss we experienced during 1906 will, I feel sure, be extremely satisfactory to all shareholders taking an interest in the welfare of the Company. I may mention that the dividends have been calculated at an exchange of 2s. 10d. per £1 which was the current rate at the time when it was found necessary to fill up the warrants for dividends and bonus. It was impossible to tell at what rate dividend would be paid, but it has been the custom for years past to fix it for the day that books are closed. There is very little difference in the rate then and now—2s. 9d. against 2s. 10d. At the last meeting the chairman regretted the unsatisfactory state of trade connected with the Far East during the previous year; this condition has not, I regret to say, improved since the date of our last general meeting, but up to the present I am glad to be able to state that the condition of our affairs looks very promising for the current year, and if we continue to enjoy the good fortune which has attended us thus far, we shall at our next meeting, I have little doubt, be able to present you with a statement of our working which will show an increased prosperity in the affairs of the company. I have nothing more to say with regard to the accounts, but should any shareholder wish to have any information that is not contained therein, I should be glad to answer any question which may be put.

There were no questions and the following resolutions were passed:—

That the report and accounts now presented be accepted and passed.—Proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. J. N. Jameson.

That a final dividend of 7½ per cent on the paid-up capital, and a bonus of 15 per cent on the contributory premiums be distributed, both payable at the exchange of 2s. 10d. per £1, and the balance to be transferred to Underwriting Reserve Account, closing the account for 1906.

That £15,000 be transferred from Underwriting Reserve Account to the permanent Sterling Reserve.—Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by F. A. Fairchild.

That Messrs. McLeod, Fairchild, Hine, Jameson, Little and Zickermann be re-elected Directors of the Company, and that the remuneration of the Directors be £200 per annum, as proposed and passed at the General Meeting held on October 23rd, 1906. Proposed by Mr. J. M. Young, seconded by Mr. C. W. Wrightson.

That Messrs. Wingrove and Hayter be re-elected Auditors of the Company. Proposed by Mr. H. A. J. Macray, seconded by Mr. J. Mordhorst.

Mr. J. M. Young proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding and to the Court of Directors for their work during the past year. This was accorded and the meeting terminated.

THE NEW ORDER IN COUNCIL.

Mr. Bethell, Editor of the "Korea Daily News" appeared before the British Consul Court, Seoul, Korea, on October 14, charged with having published on September 3, 10, 12, 21, 24 and 25 and October 1 and 8, certain articles or paragraphs that might be apprehended to cause a breach of the public peace and incite the people to rise against the Government.

Mr. Bethell asked the Court who was the complainant in the case?

Mr. Bethell replied that Mr. Holmes of the British Consulate-General was the formal complainant.

Mr. Bethell said that he was quite aware that Mr. Holmes was only put forward to prosecute, but what he desired to know was who instituted the proceedings.

The Consul-General replied that he could not answer the question at that stage but he might do so later on.

Mr. Bethell denied the truth of the charge and Mr. Holmes was taken as the first witness. He stated that Mr. Bethell was the editor and proprietor of the "Korea Daily News" because his name appeared as such in Japanese characters on the first page, and because Mr. Bethell had spoken to him on several occasions to that effect.

Mr. Bethell raised the point that the statements made to Mr. Holmes were official statements made to his Consul and as such were inadmissible as evidence. For if such were allowed, he argued, a Consul might be an adviser to-day and a prosecutor to-morrow.

The point does not appear to have been ruled upon, but according to reports in the Japan papers that evidence was not accepted.

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F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th October, 1907. 1731

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F. T. JOHNSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th October, 1907. 1726

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IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that TEN-
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J. M. ATKINSON,
Principal Civil Medical Officer.

Medical Department,
Hongkong, 28th October, 1907. 1727

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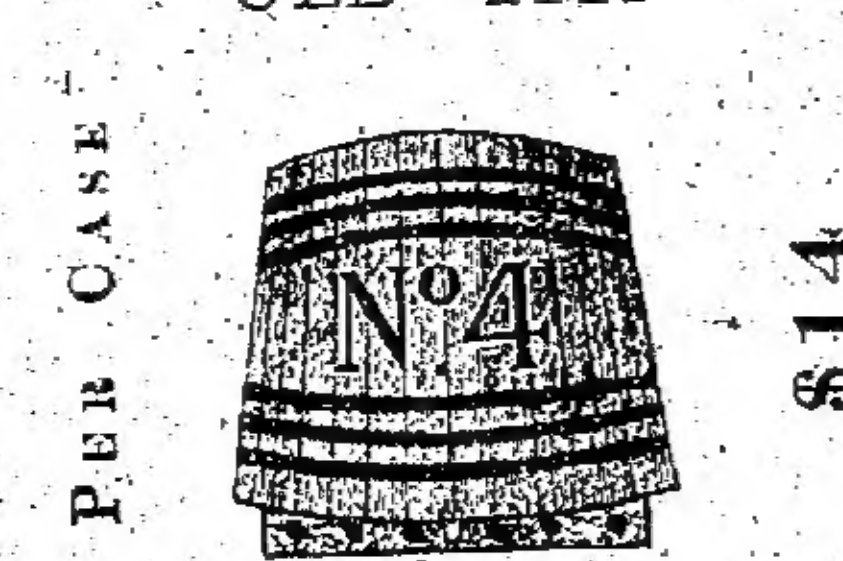
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ability, and has always gone out of its way to
obtain such men, regardless of rank or stand-
ing. The officials in Peking, namely, Grand
Secretaries, Presidents and Vice-Presidents of
all the Ministries and of the Casseroles, and
Vice-presidents, Treasurers, Judges, and
Superintendents of Education in the
provinces, are granted the privilege of
recommending to the Throne men whom they
consider to possess ability and talent. Each
yamen so doing shall recommend at most five
men and at least one; six months being given
for making the recommendations. No man can
be perfect in every detail and the Empress
only desires to make use of the man who has
special talents, for a man may be good in one
thing, but weak in others. After all the men
have arrived at Peking and reported themselves,
the Ministry of Civil Appointments shall
ask the Throne to appoint liberal-minded
and impartial officers of high rank to
examine these nominees and find out the
special talents of each one and report them to
the Throne. These nominees will then wait
for a special audience, when they will be specially
given a test according to their talents and with-
out regard to their present rank or standing.
If these nominees prove by their conduct to be
men of real talents and abilities, indeed, then
their sponsors or recommenders will receive the
commendation of the Throne, while those who
have not recommended any one or have recom-
mended nominees who prove worthless, will be
punished. This, it is hoped, will prevent reck-
less recommendations, favoritism and nepotism.

Another decree in the name of the Empress
Dowager stating that as an Imperial assembly
for the study of Government affairs has been
established in Peking it is also necessary that
similar institutions shall be established in the
provincial capitals by the Viceroys and Gover-
nors concerned, who shall select officials and
men of probity and enlightenment to start
these provincial assemblies. The members are
to be selected from among gentry and people
of the provinces fitted by integrity, character
and ability for the purpose. No dishonest men
or worthless characters shall be elected to such
assemblies. Their duty will be to confer
with and advise the officials about the
abolition of all worthless institutions and
the starting of necessary works for the public
welfare, and to assist the officials to put them
into force. Matters of high importance must
first be referred by the officials concerned to the
Throne for approval. Finally, in future mem-
bers of the Imperial assembly in Peking are to
be selected from among those of the provincial
assemblies. If the Imperial assembly needs in-
formation or advice on public questions recur-
ring may be had to the provincial assemblies by ap-
plication through the Viceroys and Governors
of provinces. Besides the assemblies in the
provincial capitals each prefecture, sub-prefec-
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10.30-11.00... Chief contents of local daily press.
11.00-11.15... General news and finance.
11.15-11.30... Local, theatrical, and sporting news.
11.30-11.45... Vienna exchange news.
11.45-12.00... Parliamentary, provincial, and
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12.00 noon... Exact astronomical time.
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perished with all his party.

This winter, however, Mr. Harry de Wint
and Mr. William Le Queux, both experienced
travellers, are leading an expedition to explore
the country and ascertain, on behalf of the
Russian Government, whether the reports of the
Lapps of great deposits of petroleum in the
interior are correct. A journey of about 3,000
miles by reindeer sled will have to be made from
the time the Arctic Ocean is left at Kirkenes,
on the Varanger Fjord, in Finnmark, to the
time civilization is again reached at Archangel.
The two explorers, who have just been up to the
Arctic to make preparations, have met with
many difficulties.

As there is neither fuel nor food in the whole
country complete supplies for the party, con-
sisting of Messrs. de Wint and Le Queux, a
minerologist, a biologist, a photographer, and
twelve Lapps, will have to be taken to last six
months. They will be lost to civilization for
about five months, but emergency rations will
be carried sufficient for two months longer.
The two leaders of the expedition have, during
their preliminary journey in the Arctic, been
the guests of the Prince of Monaco on board
his yacht Princess Alice. The Prince is taking
the greatest interest in the expedition, which
he believes will have several very interesting
results, while the Imperial Geographical Depart-
ment at St. Petersburg are lending every
assistance.

When at the gate of this unknown land a
few weeks ago, Mr. Le Queux heard from some
Lapps, who had come down the river with their
reindeer to trade, curious reports of a strange
people inhabiting the interior of the Kola.
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smaller than themselves, darker in complexion,
and that they live in skin tents, and that they
are very timid. Whether this is correct re-
mains to be proved. The reports of petroleum
were also repeated.

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and bogs. The expedition will, therefore, leave
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